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Abstract

When hunting or transporting migratory game birds, you must have on your person a valid Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit in addition to any required provincial hunting licence.

The permit is available at post offices for \$2.

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Regulations for hunters of migratory game birds

Equipment

- No person shall hunt using a shotgun of any kind capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined ; a rifle or shotgun loaded with a single bullet ; or any weapon other than a long bow and arrow or a shotgun not larger than number 10 gauge.
- No person shall have with him, for his own use more than one shotgun, unless each shotgun in excess of one is disassembled or unloaded and cased.
- No person shall shoot from any aircraft, sailboat, power boat, or motorized vehicle, or any vehicle to which a draught animal is attached.
- No person shall use a boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle to disturb birds with the object of driving them towards a hunter.
- No person shall use live birds as decoys, or recorded bird call.

Time

- No person shall hunt at any time throughout the year except during the open season as described in the schedule.
- No person shall hunt during any day after he has taken his bag limit.
- No person shall hunt earlier than one-half hour before sunrise or later than one-half hour after sunset.

Place

- No person shall hunt within one-quarter mile of any area baited with grain or other food.

Retrieval

- It is permitted to retrieve a dead or injured migratory bird by the use of a power boat.
- No person shall kill, cripple or wound a migratory game bird without making all reasonable efforts to retrieve it and include it in his daily bag limit. The retrieved bird shall be killed immediately and included in the hunter's daily bag limit.

Possession and transport

- No person shall possess or transport a migratory game bird unless at least one wing and the plumage thereof remains attached to the bird. Such a wing and plumage may be removed
 - a. when the bird is prepared for immediate cooking, or,
 - b. after the bird is taken to the residence of the owner for preservation.

Eggs and nests

- No person shall take, injure, or destroy the eggs or nests of migratory birds at any time.

Uses

- No person shall buy or sell migratory birds or their eggs or nests.
- No person shall waste or wantonly dispose of a migratory game bird killed or retrieved by him or in his possession.

Sandhill Cranes

- When the director of the Canadian Wildlife Service or the chief provincial game officer of Manitoba is of the opinion that Whooping Crane may be in the Manitoba Sandhill Crane Management Area during the open season for Sandhill Crane, such officer may prohibit the hunting of Sandhill Crane in that area during that year.

Provincial regulations

- Hunters of migratory game birds are advised to check provincial regulations for additional restrictions.

Special goose hunting areas

- From September 25 to October 7 the open season for geese in Provincial Areas A, B, and C include only that part of each day from one-half hour before sunrise to 11 :00 a.m., Central Standard Time.

Bag and possession limits

	Ducks	Geese	Coots	Rails and Wilson's Snipe	Sand- hill Cranes
Daily bag	8 a.b.d.	5 f.	8	10	4
Possession	16 a.c.e.	10 g.	16	20	8

- Of which not more than 5 Mallards may be taken daily and not more than 10 Mallards may be possessed.
- Of which not more than 1 may be Canvasback or Redhead duck.
- Of which not more than 2 may be Canvasback or Redhead ducks.
- Except that on and after October 11, 2 additional scaup or goldeneye may be taken per day.
- Except that on or after October 12, 4 additional scaup or golden-eye may be possessed.
- Of which not more than 3 may be White-fronted Geese.
- Of which not more than 6 may be White-fronted Geese.



Open seasons – All dates inclusive				
Area	Ducks, rails, coots, and Wilson's Snipe	Geese		Sandhill Cranes
1. Migratory bird Zone 1	Sept 1 to Oct 28	Sept 1 to Oct 28		No open season
2. Migratory bird Zone 2	Sept 11 to Dec 2	Sept 11 to Dec 2		No open season
3. Migratory bird Zone 3	Sept 18 to Dec 2	Sept 18 to Dec 2		No open season
4. Migratory bird Zone 4	Sept 25 to Dec 2	Sept 25 to Dec 2		No open season
5. Manitoba Sandhill Crane Management Area	Sept 25 to Dec 2	Sept 25 to Dec 2		Sept 1 to Sept 14


Penalty

Every person who violates any provision of this act or any regulation shall, for each offence, be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$300. and not less than \$10., or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both fine and imprisonment.

Note

The above is a summary of the law. For complete information write

Director, Canadian Wildlife Service,
Department of the Environment,
Ottawa, Ontario.



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